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GODS WINS

CROWD OF 5,000 SAW MEN BATTLE FOR THE TITLE

Blizzard and Zero Weather Did Not Chill the Enthusiasm of Spectators at Tonopah's Championship Fight.

(Special to The Evening World.)

TONOPAH, Nev., Jan. 1.—Joe Gans, of Baltimore, and Kid Herman, of Chicago, fought here to-day for the lightweight championship of the world. A crowd of about 5,000, composed chiefly of mining-camp men and not a few women, saw the battle. Jack Welsh, of San Francisco, was referee.

The fight was well contested while it lasted and satisfied the crowd thoroughly. Gans's superior ring knowledge and experience was plainly evident early in the battle, but Herman was not discouraged. He plugged along hard to the very end.

Zero Weather for Fight.

New Year's Day at Tonopah was ushered in with zero weather. The blizzard subsided, but was succeeded by a cold wind from the north that sent pedestrians scurrying in haste indoors. Occasionally the sun broke through a rift in the clouds, but these visitations were few and far between. At 9 o'clock the streets, which were covered with several inches of snow, were practically deserted. At the Casino headquarters, however, where the sale of fight seats was in progress, there was quite a congregation of humanity, and the management reported a brisk early morning sale.

Gans and Herman were up early, but did no work of any kind to-day. They remained at their headquarters until 1 o'clock, when they weighed in at the office of M. M. Riley, the promoter. At 2:30 o'clock they proceeded to the arena, and fifteen minutes later entered the ring. Both were in excellent spirits during the morning and supreme confidence marked their every move. Gans, in particular, was in an amiable frame of mind before the fight and spent the time greeting newly arrived friends and assuring them that there was not the slightest doubt as to the outcome of the fight.

Gans Advised Friends to Back Him.

"Get in and bet a wad on me, and don't let the odds stop you," he said to a party of Goldfield miners whose acquaintance he formed during his stay there last September.

"There is not the remotest chance of me losing the contest, and it means a whole lot for me in the future. I will be hot on the heels of 'Batting' Nelson. Failing to get a match with him, I might agree to take on Britt if he will agree to my terms."

Herman, like Gans, dilted about among his acquaintances and told them that he expected to win by aggressive work and body play.

"I have youth on my side," said Herman, "and believe that by constantly attacking the champion's body I will wear him down, and then go in and win."

Nate Lewis, the Chicago lad's manager, said before the fight: "The fight will result in one of the biggest pugilistic skirmishes in years. There never was a fighter that stepped into the ring who is as strong as Herman at the weight. Although Gans made the weight, he certainly will not be as strong as the kid. Herman is clever, can punch with either hand, is an excellent ring general, and is game as a pebble. His confidence is supreme, as has been shown during his entire course of training. I have wagered \$3,500, some at odds of 10 to 4 and some at 2 to 1, that the kid will win."

Not Much Betting at Tonopah.

There was not much betting in Tonopah. Many of the blue-shirted prospectors were expected to nibble at the short end, but there were few who cared to risk the money on Gans at the prevailing odds, which range from 2½ to 1 to 3 to 1. The mutuels, however, picked Gans to win in from ten to fifteen rounds. It was expected that the odds would veer in Herman's favor before ring time. Otherwise, predictions were that there would be no betting to speak of.

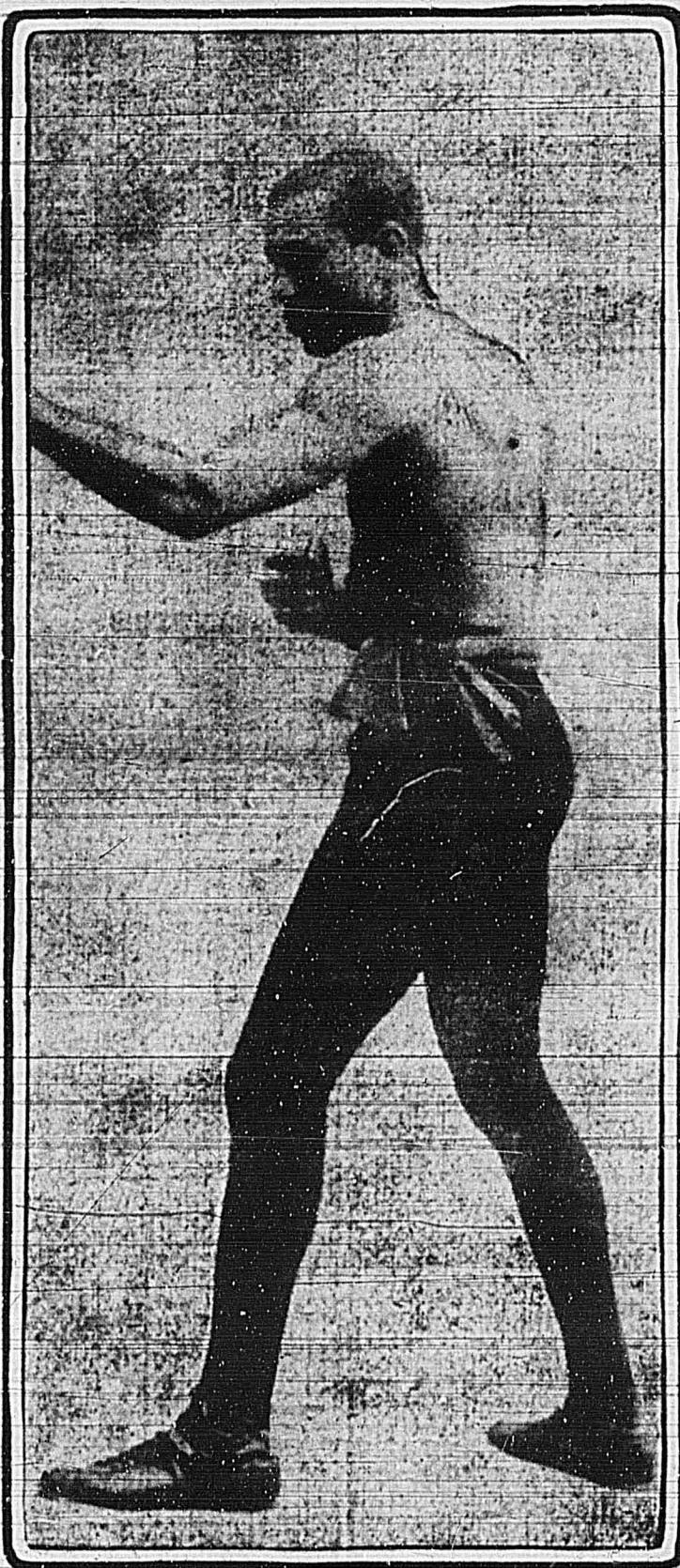
All the stores and gambling resorts of Tonopah were closed this afternoon during the progress of the fight. Manager Riley, of the club, stated that, with few exceptions, the miners of the town would attend the fight in a body. Many of them, he said, would bring their families along.

Gans weighed in on the club scales shortly after 10 o'clock in full street costume, including shoes, rubbers and a heavy sweater. He tipped the beam at 139½ pounds. Gans went over to the arena to ascertain the temperature of the buildings.

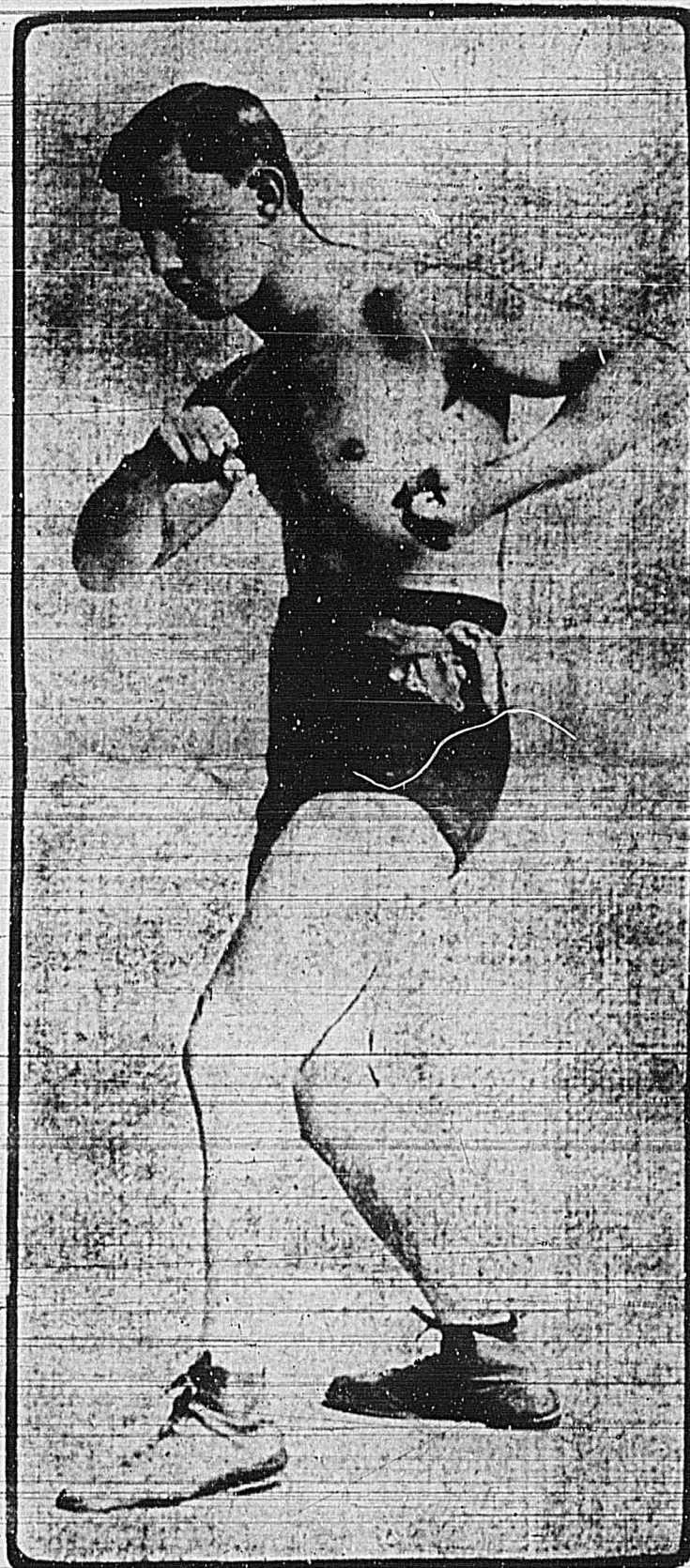
"Unless there is sufficient warmth," said the champion, "there will be no posing for pictures or anything like that as far as I am concerned. I will first upon fighting within five minutes after I have entered the ring."

He was assured by the club officials, however, that the building would be well heated, as the ovens variously distributed in the building were being kept constantly going. At 11 o'clock the weather conditions improved

PRINCIPALS IN TO-DAY'S BIG BATTLE.



JOE GANS



KID HERMAN

to a considerable extent. The sun broke through the clouds and it looked as if a clear day would result. It remained very cold, however, with the thermometer around zero. All hope that James J. Jeffries would be a spectator at the ringside was dispelled when Manager Riley received a telegram to-day from Los Angeles stating that the transportation which the club had furnished was received by the champion too late for him to make connections.

The fight did not come up to the Nelson-Gans battle in point of attendance, although there was a good advance sale of tickets. While a number of men from the coast arrived for the fight, the number did not begin to reach that at the Goldfield fight. There was a big crowd here from the outside camps, and the number was swelled by a special train from Goldfield this morning. The number did not come close to filling the arena. There were several reasons for this.

In the first place, the fact that Herman has never performed in San Francisco caused a lack of interest in the match in the coast town, and it was from San Francisco that the biggest outside crowd was expected. In addition, local conditions worked against the attendance. The strike at Goldfield has thrown a great number of men out of employment. Many of these men went to work in the new camps in the northern part of the State and others were carefully guarding their money to live on in case the strike is prolonged. Many business men of the town took advantage of the dullness caused by the strike and have gone away to spend the holidays.

All this had its effect on the attendance from Goldfield. The biggest crowd from the outside came from Manhattan, where great interest has been shown all along. The news of the strike of the cooks and waiters here in Tonopah and the closing of the restaurants went abroad, and many were kept away through fear of not being able to get anything to eat.

The Casino Club did its best to overcome this condition by establishing a big restaurant in the Casino hall. Every one who was in Tonopah to-day was well cared for, but the report of conditions on the outside had its effect. In spite of all these adverse conditions the Casino Club gamely carried out all arrangements for the fight. The club lost money, but as Manager Riley expressed it, "we ran into a mesh of hard conditions, but we are in the game to stay and will look for better luck next time."

FIVE FIGHTS IN PHILADELPHIA; ONE KNOCKOUT

(Special to The Evening World.)

NATIONAL ATHLETIC CLUB, PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 1.—At the National Athletic Club this afternoon five good bouts were pulled off. In the opening fight Joe Theel, of this city, knocked out Jimmy Farren, of Baltimore, in the second round.

Eddie Chambers and Kid Gleason fought a draw after six rounds of hard and fast work in the second attraction. The third bout, between Indian Joe Greer and Greek Jimmy Ryan, the referee stopped in the fifth round to save Ryan.

In next to the last bout between two colored fighters, George Cole and Jack Blackburn, Blackburn had all the best of the fight until the last round, knocking his man down in the first and fourth. In the last round Cole came up strong and forced the fighting until the going, having by far the best of it. Unk Russell started his whirlwind fighting in the wind up with Maurice Saxton and the latter held him off with similar tactics until the last round, when Russell forced the fighting and had Saxton well up at the finish. This fight was all Russell.

BABY RACE AND HOLIDAY STAKE RACING FEATURES

NEW ORLEANS RESULTS.

FIRST RACE—Woodsaw (12 to 1 and 5 to 1) 1, Lady Henrietta (2 to 1 for place) 2, Pity 3.

SECOND RACE—Toboggan (7 to 2 and 6 to 5) 1, Alencon (6 to 1 for place) 2, Meadow Breeze 3.

THIRD RACE—Whisk Broom (6 to 5 and 1 to 2) 1, Gremse (2 to 1 for place) 2, Hazel M. 3.

FOURTH RACE—Elfall (15 to 1 and 5 to 1) 1, Glid (out for place) 2, Pompadour 3.

Sunday World Wants Work

Monday Morning Wonders

THE FIGHT BY ROUNDS

TONOPAH, Nev., Jan. 1.

Gans wins in the eighth round.

Round 1—Herman started by missing his first punch. He then put a right to the kidneys. Gans returned with a wicked swing to jaw and another to head. Herman hooked right to the heart. Gans whipped right and left to nose, bringing blood in a stream. Gans swung terrific right to face and another to ribs. Herman closed round with left to face.

Round 2—At close quarters Herman landed two to body. Furious mix followed, Herman having the better of it. More in-fighting followed. Herman swung left to ribs, but Gans returned two hard rights to jaw. Gans sent right to ribs and staggered Herman with a right to neck. At bell Gans landed right to face.

Round 3—Herman swung hard left to head. Exchanged rights to face. Gans put hard right to neck and then sent Herman to the ropes with left to face. Gans dropped Herman with left hook, but it did little damage.

Round 4—Herman started with a left swing, but Gans retaliated with a brace of rights and lefts to stomach. Herman placed left and right to ribs. Gans got him against ropes and peppered him with rights and lefts. Herman was wild and received a terrific uppercut to face. They exchanged kidney blows at the bell. It was Gans's round by a wide margin.

Round 5—Herman put left and right to stomach. In-fighting followed. Herman planted right to head. Gans smashed to jaw. Lefts to stomachs exchanged. This round was even.

Round 6—Herman shot hard right and left to body. Then quickly duplicated the blows. Gans stung Herman's jaw with right. Herman then drove Gans to ropes with a volley of blows to jaw and face. Gans sent two hard rights to jaw in mix-up. Gans reached his man with short and lefts and rights at going.

Round 7—Gans peppered Herman's face with lefts and rights. He also reached Herman's body hard. Herman rushed but Gans sent his head back with right hook to jaw. He did the trick again to the kid's face. Herman received a hard smashed to jaw and almost put him through the ropes.

Round 8—Gans sent a straight left to face and Herman shot right to jaw and left to ribs. Gans drove left and right squarely to jaw and Herman dropped. It was clean knockout.

RYAN AND POWELL DRAW IN PRELIMINARY.

The preliminary between Adam Ryan and Lew Powell resulted in a draw. The bout was for ten rounds.

LATE RACING RESULTS

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Fifth—Phil Finch 1-2, Henry Watterson out pl. Besteling. Sixth—Quinn Brady 5-1, Gauze 7-10, Bosworth.

LIVELY LOCAL BOUTS.

Several fast boxing bouts between local boxers were witnessed by a select crowd at an uptown club this afternoon.

Among the boxers who appeared was Willie Lewis, the local welter-weight. He sparred with a negro. The bouts were contested as follows: Willie Bruns and Willie Schumacher boxed four rounds. Schumacher having a shade the better of it. Charlie Hoffman bested Bert Lewis in four rounds.

George Ashley and Jack Lowery went four rounds with honors even. In his bout with Kid Rose Joe Wagner was disqualified for fouling.

Lewis's opponent was of the "temon" variety, carefully selected, Joe Cotton by name. He got his early. Lewis dropped him three times and finally nailed him with a right-hander on the jaw, knocking him stiff. Cotton was carried out of the ring apparently "dead to the world." All this happened in one round, the first. Cotton was softer than his name indicated.